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1. A large radio tower and a building that looked like a factory were observed in the vicinity of Staroainuskoye (Raichishi) Lake (N 48-27, E 142-04). These objects appeared quite small as they were observed from the railroad tracks. Apparently the distance between the objects observed and the railroad tracks is considerable.
2. Many petroleum storage tanks are scattered over the foothills of Slyudyanskaya (Nitusu) (N 47-21, E 142-00). A road in this area, which leads to a troop barracks (not located), is under construction. When trains pass through this area the curtains are drawn and regular members of the security force are posted in all coaches to watch the passengers closely.
3. Private enterprise on a limited basis is permitted on Sakhalin Island, but the policy on this matter varies from place to place.
4. Commodity prices have risen since September 1953, and there seems to be a shortage of goods. This has caused an increase in the cost of living from an average of approximately 1,000 rubles per month to 1,700 rubles per month.
5. The possession of [] goods is not permitted except for certain necessities; many people keep their [] articles hidden. Soviet products are scarce and are reputed to be of inferior quality. 25X1
6. An all-out effort is under way to build up three large ports on Sakhalin Island.¹ An increased number of Korean and Soviet workers, penal battalions, and forced laborers are engaged on the construction work.
7. The assembly point for fishing vessels has been changed to port No. 3 on the bay (sic; of Okhotskoye?). Approximately 20 vessels belonging to the Far Eastern Marine Products Company and two wooden harbor patrol vessels, of about 40 tons each, are anchored there.

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8. There is a military road approximately 72 feet wide (sic) between Yuzhno Sakhalinsk (Toyohara) (N 46-57, E 142-44) and Okhotskoye (Tonnai) (N 46-52, E 143-10). It runs parallel to the old road, which is still being used by the general public.
9. There is a railroad between Ilinskiy (N 47-59, E 142-12) and Uglegorsk (N 49-05, E 142-03).²

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1. Comment. The ports cannot be definitely determined. However, the three large ports in question may be Kita Maoka, Korsakov (Otomari) (N 46-37, E 142-47), and Okhotskoye (Tonnai) (N 46-52, E 143-10).

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2. Comment. There have been unconfirmed reports that the railroad has been extended as far north as Aleksandrovsk (N 50-54, E 142-10).

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